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1. SUMMARY. MASS CIRCULATION WEEKLY MAGAZINES VUS (JAN 16) AND ILUSTROVANA POLITIKA (JAN 15) CONTAINED INSIDE PAGE ARICLES DEPICTING A BULLYING AND THREATENING UNITED STATES: THE FORMER VIA AN INTERVIEW WITH YUGOSLAV UN AMBASSADOR ON YUGOSLAV ROLE IN SC WHICH INCLUDED QUESTION ON US PRESSURE OVER PANAMA ISSUE; THE LATTER IN A PICTURE STROY DETAILING US PREPARATIONS TO INVADE MIDDLE EAST OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES. BORBA CHIMED IN JAN 12 WITH ACCOUNT OF US TROOPS TRAINING IN FRANCE FOR SAME PURPOSE. END SUMMARY.

2. VUS CARRIES INTERVIEW WITH YUGOSLAV UN AMBASSADOR
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LAZAR MOJSOV JAN 16 ON YUGOSLAVIA'S SC ROLE TITLED "WHO

ARE THE NONALIGNED BOTHERING". INTERVIEWER INCLUDES QUESTION ABOUT US CRITICISM FOR YUGOSLAV VIEWPOINT ON PANAMA CANAL, CALLING IT A "HIT BELOW THE BELT". AGREEING, MOJSOV RESPONDS "IN EFFECT, THEY CRITICIZE US FOR HAVING BEEN ACTIVE. CITING A US OBJECTIVE OF A NEUTRALIZED YUGOSLAVIA, MOJSOV SAYS THE US "INVENTED THE THEORY THAT WE MEDDLE WITH THE AFFAIRS WHICH ARE THE SO-CALLED VITAL CONCERN OF AMERICAN INTERESTS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE PANAMA CANAL". HE CONTINUES THAT THIS IS REALLY ONLY AN EXCUSE TO PRESSURE YUGOSLAVIA TO NOT BE AS ACTIVE, AND TO NOT "RALLY THE NONALIGNED COUNTRIES AROUND POSITIONS WHICH DO NOT SUIT THE US".

3. MOJSOV GAVE AS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF TACTICS BY WHICH "BIG POWERS INFLUENCE CERTAIN COUNTRIES TO CHANGE THEIR STANDPOINTS" THE CAMBODIAN UN VOTE IN WHICH "THE AMERICANS SUCCEEDED BY RESORTING TO VARIOUS METHODS IN SHAPING THE OUTCOME AS IT BEST SUITED THEM".

4. ILLUSTROVANA POLITIKA JAN 15 EDITION CONTAINS TWO-PAGE (10-11) PICTURE SPREAD OF US FORCES ON MANEUVER IN DESERT TERRAIN, ALONG WITH TEXT UNDER HEADLINE "DANGEROUS MANEUVERS". SAYING STATEMENT OF US DEFENSE SEC SCHLESINGER THAT "BECAUSE OF OIL THE US COULD RESORT TO MILITARY INTERVENTION AGAINST ARAB COUNTRIES" HAD CAUSED CONSTERNATION, ITEM CLAIMED PHOTOGRAPHS PROVIDED BY PARIS AGENCY "GAMA" PROVED THESE WERE "NOT JUST EMPTY WORDS". PHOTOGRAPHER QUOTED AS SAYING MANEUVERS (ALLEGEDLY OF 9,000 MARINES IN MOHAVE DESERT) "SMELLED OF OIL - FROM THE EQUIPMENT OF THE SOLDIERS TO THE BRIEFING AT WHICH THEY WERE SHOWN THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN DETAIL". ARTICLE SAID CONDITIONS WERE IDENTICAL TO KIND "AGGRESSOR WOULD MEET IF HE ATTEMPTED AN INVASION OF SAUDI ARABIA OR KUWAIT".

5. TANJUG BULLETIN AND BORBA JAN 12 CARRIED TANJUG ITEM DATELINED PARIS DESCRIBING PRESENCE OF 3,000 MARINES IN FRANCE ON MANEUVERS, AND QUOTING FRENCH NEWSPAPERS AS STATING THEY WERE "TRAINED FOR INTERVENTION IN ARAB COUNTRIES TO TAKE HOLD OF OIL WELLS". ARTICLE CITES PUZZLEMENT OVER PRESENCE MARINES ON MANEUVERS IN FRANCE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CALLING THEM FIRST SUCH SINCE FRANCE'S "LEAVING THE NATO PACT EIGHT YEARS AGO".

6. COMMENT. EMBASSY WILL REINFORCE LINE TAKEN BY DEPUTY SECRETARY IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH GRANFIL (REFTEL, BARRING THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT MOJSOV IS AN UNGUIDED MISSILE, IT DOES NOT LOOK LIKE THE MESSAGE HAS REACHED HIM YET. WE HAVE TAKEN FREQUENT OCCASION IN PAST

SEVERAL MONTHS TO POINT OUT TO YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES EFFECT
WHICH SUCH GRATUITOUS PUBLIC OUTPOURINGS HAVE ON OUR
RELATIONS.
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